



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	22-0011 Severe Weather 11APR
<b>Date</b>	April 14, 2022
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM April 13 to 8:00 AM April 14, 2022
<b>Report Number</b>	2

### Regions Affected

<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 5 & 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	5,6

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** NWS storm survey teams confirmed a high-end EF-3 tornado event occurred in southern Bell County Tuesday evening near Salado. Preliminary maximum winds were estimated near 165 mph. Additional details will be forthcoming as the survey work continues. The Fort Hood Tornado occurred over an inaccessible and undeveloped part of the military reservation in southern Coryell County Tuesday afternoon. The tornado was rated as an EF-Unknown. It tracked nearly 4 miles. No known damage occurred. NWS storm survey teams have also determined an EF-0 tornado impacted the eastern part of Bell County near the town of Seaton. The tornado tree damage consistent with maximum winds of 75 mph.

On April 12, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare additional state resources for mobilization as Texans face critical-to-extreme wildfire weather conditions in the Western half of the state and severe storm threats in the Eastern half of the state. The Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) is operating at Level II: Escalated Response in support of severe weather and wildfire response.

### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.

4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

**Power Outages: as of 4:00am 4/14**

Region	Sum of Customers Out
Region 1	6,258
Region 2	1,559
Region 3	26
Region 4	65
Region 5	2
Region 6	52
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,962</b>

**Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22):**

**DDC 4A – Garland** (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall Counties)

Activated and monitoring the progression of the severe weather in the district.

**Navarro County:** Reports of minor damage to areas in the southern half of the county.

**DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant** (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDC 5 is at Level III Monitoring Severe Weather.

**Bowie County:** Four homes with minor damage and one home with major damage reported.

**Bowie County: City of New Boston** reported damage and multiple power poles/trees down.

**Hopkins County:** One rescue was conducted by the TPWD Game Wardens who responded to a fisherman that had been struck by lightning at Lake Fork.

**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 is at Level III - Monitoring Severe Weather.

**Harrison County:** one unconfirmed report of a tornado that touched down in area of FM 450 S and FM 2625. Officials were unable to locate any damage activity that indicated this occurred.

**Wood County:** Reported major power outages due to trees/lines down.

## **Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)**

### **DDC 12 Austin**

**Williamson County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Florence and City of Jarrell. The Williamson County Office of Emergency Management received reports from Sheriff's Office deputies of two separate possible tornadoes in Williamson County.

### **DDC 23 Killeen**

**Bell County:** Confirmed tornado east toward IH-35, City of Salado. Reports of significant damage Cedar Valley Road and FM 2843. 61 structures have been reported damaged from the storm throughout the county. The Salado tornado was classified as a high-end EF-3.

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORT**

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** Two (2) TX-PWRT personnel are managing Public Works and Engineering from the Remote SOC. Addressing STAR requests as received.

**Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):** As of 2:30PM Wednesday, there are still approximately 45,000 outages in the state, primarily in TDEM Region 1. This is down from a max outage count of about 110,000 overnight. Approximately 14,000 of these are in Smith County. Nacogdoches, Anderson, and Cherokee counties are still showing significant impacts from the weather as well

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** McGregor TAMFS Task Force has responded to a request made by Bell County EMC for saw crews. A tornado passed through Salado earlier on Tuesday with extensive damage to the community. McGregor TF will be tasked with clearing the roads along FM2843 that is full of debris and downed trees.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)** Prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers to support rescue operations in areas affected by the Severe Weather.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** The remote State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) activated to support severe weather operations beginning at 10:00AM on Tuesday.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** FM2843 Bell Co. remains closed due to down power lines from tornado damage. Crews from Bell County and Waco are working the clear the highway. TxDOT is staffing the Remote SOC

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** The DPS Aircraft Operations Division are coordinating arrangements with TDEM District Coordinators to conduct an aerial assessment of tornadic damage in Williamson and Bell Counties.

DPS Troopers from Waco responded and set up roadblocks on FM 2843 due to power lines and poles in the roadway and aiding in emergency response needs. Troopers continue to aid TDEM and local agencies.

DPS Troopers from Austin are working with Williamson County Sheriff's Office responded to the area near Florence where they sighted a funnel cloud 1 mile NE of Florence. They conducted roving patrol to provide damage assessments if needed.

THP Chief's Office is providing personnel at the SOC in support of increased readiness level for severe weather.

**Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** No natural gas service interruptions have been reported to the RRC at this time. The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event. The RRC will continue to support and work with the PUC throughout the event.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

TCEQ has staff available to provide technical assistance and guidance regarding temporary debris management sites, as needed.

One public drinking water system in the impacted area has issued a boil water notice. This system serves a population of 201 people.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TWPD	Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin-SOC(Remote)

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TxDOT	Liaison	1		Assigned	Austin-SOC
<a href="#">TXDOT</a>	<a href="#">Liaison</a>	<a href="#">25</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	<a href="#">Assigned</a>	<a href="#">Bell County</a>
DSHS	Severe Weather Packages	64		Activated	Various
RRC	Liaison	1		Activated	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	Liaison	2		Activated	R-SOC
<a href="#">TXDPS</a>	<a href="#">Liaison</a>	<a href="#">1</a>		<a href="#">Activated</a>	<a href="#">Austin</a>
<a href="#">TXDPS</a>	<a href="#">Helicopter</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Activated</a>	<a href="#">Williamson/Bell</a>
<a href="#">TXDPS</a>	<a href="#">Troopers</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">Activated</a>	<a href="#">Williamson</a>
<a href="#">TXDPS</a>	<a href="#">Troopers</a>	<a href="#">13</a>	<a href="#">13</a>	<a href="#">Activated</a>	<a href="#">Bell</a>
<a href="#">TCEQ</a>	<a href="#">Liaison</a>	<a href="#">1</a>		<a href="#">Assigned</a>	<a href="#">Austin SOC</a>

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak and Severe Weather response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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